

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Ron Paul has finalized his annual nominations to US Military Academies. There are five federal academies that train students at the undergraduate level for service in the US armed forces. A nomination from a US Senator, Representative, the President, or Vice-President is required for consideration for admission to four of these institutions. They are The United States Naval Academy in Annapolis MD (USNA); The United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) in Kings Point NY; The United States Military Academy at West Point NY (USMA); and The United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs CO (USAFA).

The nomination process is quite competitive, and Congressman Paul congratulates each of these nominees! Each nominee demonstrated both strong academics and significant extracurricular achievements.

The 2012 nominees are:

Casen Askew, a senior at Texas City High School, Galveston Co, son of James and Angela Newman, nominated to the USAFA

Stephanie Bossert, a senior at Friendswood High School, Galveston Co, daughter of Philip Bossert, Jr. and Anita Shorosky, nominated to the USAFA

Stoney Clement, a senior at Barbers Hill High school, Chambers Co, son of Billy Clement and Angelia Clement, nominated to the USNA and the USMMA

Benjamin Clements, a senior at Friendswood HS, Galveston Co, son of Brian and Christina Clements, nominated to the USNA

Luke Elkins, a senior at Cinco Ranch HS, Fort Bend Co, son of Mark and Kelly Elkins, nominated to the USAFA

Randall Faulk, a senior at Houston Christian High School, lives in Katy, son of Ritchey and Stephanie Faulk, nominated to the USAFA

Christian Garcia, a senior at Palacios HS, Matagorda Co, son of Greg and Rhonda Garcia, nominated to the USMA and the USMMA

Cameron Hallier, a senior at Cinco Ranch HS, Fort Bend Co, son of Kurt & Toni Hallier, nominated to the USMMA

Patrick Hankins, a senior at Seven Lakes HS, Fort Bend Co, son of Michael and Napida Hankins, nominated to the USNA

John Hazel, III, a freshman at TX A&M, resides in Fort Bend Co, son of John and Carol Hazel, nominated to the USNA

Scott Jamison, a senior at Angleton HS, Brazoria Co, son of Stacy and Annie Jamison, nominated to the USMA

Garrett Johns, a senior at Seven Lakes HS, Fort Bend Co., son of Annette Johns and Gentry Johns, nominated to the USMMA

Christopher Jolibois, a freshman at San Jacinto Jr College, son of Keith & Kathleen Jolibois, nominated to the USMMA

Austin LaFoy, a senior at Clear Springs High School, Galveston Co., son of Michael and Traci LaFoy, nominated to the USAFA

Bradley Learned, a senior at Cinco Ranch HS, Fort Bend Co., son of Albert and Mary Ann Learned, nominated to the USAFA and the USMMA

Catherine Leeney, a senior at Clear Creek HS, Galveston Co., daughter of Richard Leeney and Lisa Elliott, nominated to the USAFA, USMA & USMMA

Johnathan Leyba, a senior at Cinco Ranch HS, Fort Bend Co., son of Robert and Toni Leyba, nominated to the USNA

Alex Ludowig, a senior at Cinco Ranch HS, Fort Bend Co, son of Richard and Brenda Ludowig, nominated to the USAFA

Mason Lunsford, a senior at Seven Lakes HS, Fort Bend Co., son of Clyde & Kaye Lunsford, III, nominated to the USMA & the USNA

Philip Lyssy, a senior at Calhoun HS, Calhoun Co., son of Vern & Karen Lyssy, nominated to the USNA

Jorge Manrique, a senior at Seven Lakes HS, son of Jorge & Karla Manrique, nominated to the USNA

Matthew Martelli, a senior at Bay Area Christian School, lives in Galveston Co., son of Michael Martelli and Kelcey Faltysek, nominated to the USAFA

Michael Martin, a freshman at OSU, from Lake Jackson, Brazoria Co, son of Jerry & Linda Martin, nominated to the USAFA

Rhett Moffett, a senior at Seven Lakes HS, Fort Bend Co, son of James & Sharon Moffett,

nominated to the USAFA & USNA

David Noren, a graduate of Seven Lakes HS, Fort Bend Co, son of John & Diane Noren, nominated to the USMA

Kyle Norris, a senior at East Chambers HS, Chambers Co., son of Shelby & Sherrie Norris, nominated to the USMA

Jacob Reicks, a senior at Seven Lakes HS, Fort Bend Co, son of William & Rhonda Reicks, nominated to the USMMA

Race Southworth, a senior at Dickinson HS, Galveston Co, son of Brent & Julie Southworth, nominated to the USAFA and the USMA

Steven Starr, a senior at Clear Creek High School, Galveston Co, son of Thomas and Barbara Starr, nominated to the USAFA

Jonathan Thiess, a senior at Episcopal HS, lives in Galveston Co, son of Andrew & Heidi Thiess, nominated to the USMA

Drake Tobola, a senior at Incarnate Word Academy, lives in Galveston Co, daughter of LeRoy & Carol Tobola, nominated to the USAFA

LeAnn Tobola, a senior at Incarnate Word Academy, lives in Galveston Co, daughter of LeRoy & Carol Tobola, nominated to the USAFA

Anne Marie Von Seggern, a senior at Clear Creek HS, Galveston Co, daughter of Gary & Laura Von Seggern, nominated to the USAFA

Anthony Williams, a senior at Seven Lakes HS, Fort Bend Co, son of Anthony & Modesta Williams, nominated to the USMA

Andrew Woitena, a senior at Clear Springs HS, Galveston Co, son of Cliff Woitena & DeeAnn Powell, nominated to the USNA

Jessica Wright, a senior at Seven Lakes HS, Fort Bend Co, daughter of Scott & Sara Wright, nominated to the USAFA

James Yi, a senior at Calhoun HS, Calhoun Co, son of James Huff & Jennifer Yi, nominated to the USAFA

Krysten Yokum, a senior at Alvin HS, Brazoria Co, daughter of John & Amber Yokum, nominated to the USAFA

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